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Six Nebraska communities to host “Journey Stories”

Six Nebraska communities have been selected to host the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition “Journey Stories” in 2012-13.

The Nebraska tour of “Journey Stories” will begin in June 2012 with a grand opening at the Trails and Rails Museum in Kearney. It travels next to the Lincoln County Historical Museum in North Platte for a stay through August. The next stop will be the 100th Meridian Museum in Cozad through early October, followed by an October-November visit to Fort Calhoun’s Washington County Historical Association.

The Madison County Historical Society Museum in Madison will house the exhibition through December. Following a two-week appearance at the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, the Nebraska tour will conclude in early March 2013 at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center in Alliance.

The exhibition examines our nation’s history through stories of coming to America and traveling across America, of migration by choice and by force, of mobility and the American spirit, and the changes brought by the railroad, automobile, and the airplane.

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) cooperates with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) to bring Museum on Main Street (MoMS) to Nebraska. Nebraska museums receive the exhibition free of charge with a stipend from the NHC to help with educational programming and publicity. Each host community develops public humanities programming related to the theme of the exhibition. These programs include lectures, local exhibits and school tours. With “Journey Stories,” local communities will be encouraged to explore their own migration and transportation heritage.

“Journey Stories” is made possible in Nebraska with support from the Union Pacific, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and the “We the People” initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The NHC has sponsored six previous MoMS tours in Nebraska: “New Harmonies” in 2009, “Between Fences” in 2007-08, “Key Ingredients: America By Food” in 2005-06, “Yesterday’s Tomorrows” in 2003, “Barn Again!” in 2001-02, and “Produce for Victory” in 1996.

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Editors: Attached is a group photo and cutline of representatives from the six sites hosting the “Journey Stories” tour of Nebraska. If you require a photo of higher resolution, please contact the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 ext. 103 or mary@nebraskahumanities.org.